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## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 10 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by <u>Lesher</u>. In response, these claims have been cancelled, and accordingly the rejection is now moot.

Applicant appreciatively notes that claims 1-9 and 11-19 have been allowed.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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